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either to raise the maximum pay or to increase the number of grades, but they agree that the pay of the second and third grades requires revision and that the minimum pay should be raised. They are accordingly pleased to fix the following scales of pay for the existing second and third grade posts of draughtsmen, permanent :—

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Second grade	... ...	110—6—140
Third grade	... ...	60—4—100

The Government are also pleased to direct that in cases where temporary posts of draughtsmen have been sanctioned on the minimum pay only, the revised minima Rs. 60 or Rs 110 as the case may be shall apply. The above sanction will have effect from the 1st April 1929 and is registered as No. 41 of 1929–30.

4. The Government believe that with the revision now sanctioned it should be possible to secure an adequate supply of qualified draughtsmen with sufficient general educational qualifications.

5. Orders will be issued in the Law and Education Department prescribing the possession of a completed Secondary School-Leaving Certificate as the minimum general educational qualification for admission to the draughtsman class in the College of Engineering.

(By order of Government, Ministry of Development)

C. A. SOUTER,
Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX X.

[Vide answer to question No. 143 asked by Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th August 1929, page 283 supra.]

Annexure to Answer.

The following are among the works that were recommended by the Ceded District Irrigation Committee in connexion with the modified Tungabhadra-Kistna project, so far as the Nellore district is concerned :—

(1) Extension of irrigation in Nellore and Sangam deltas and second crop extension therein.

(2) Reservoir on the Penner at Someswaram.
(3) Nellore south canal from Someswaram to the Palar.
(4) Nellore north canal from Someswaram to Manneru.

In May 1927 the Government directed that owing to the impracticability of the Someswaram dam across the Penner, the Nellore area might be left out of account. Thus items (2) to (4) are dropped for the present. Item (1) is dependent on the feasibility of the Tunghabhadra-Kistna project including the diversion dam across the Kistna at Sangameswaram.

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2. The following is a list of projects under contemplation :—

(1) *Gandipalem reservoir.*—Approximate estimate, Rs. 21·00 lakhs. The project is for the restoration of the ruined Gandipalem tank on the Bellaparu for the irrigation of 13,543 acres.

(2) *Rallapad reservoir.*—Approximate estimate, Rs. 25·00 lakhs. The project provides for a reservoir on the Manneru, 20 miles below the site on the Mopad reservoir, to irrigate 13,563 acres.

(3) *Mopad-Machavaram tanks.*—Approximate estimate, Rs. 7·00 lakhs. The proposal is to construct an anicut across the Manneru near Veeraraghavunikata and to excavate a channel to supply the Machavaram tank and through it the adjoining Mopad tank.

These three are alternative schemes. Only one of them can be carried out with the supply available. Gauge readings are being taken in connexion with the Rallapad project.

3. In November 1927, the Government sanctioned temporary establishments for the investigation of the following irrigation schemes in Nellore district :—

(1) Mopad main channel improvements.
(2) Pombaleru anicut.
(3) Pakkala tank group.
(4) Formation of a new tank across the Kaveru vagu.

The results of the investigation of these projects have not yet been reported by the Chief Engineer.

4. Again, in November 1928, the Government approved of the investigation and preparation of detailed plans and estimates for a scheme to provide at an approximate cost of Rs. 60,000, irrigation facilities under the Kanigiri reservoir of the Sangam delta to the disforested lands of Vavveru and other villages in the Kovvur taluk, about 1,000 acres in extent. The Chief Engineer has been directed to arrange for the early investigation and preparation of detailed plans and estimates for the scheme, so that it may be considered in connexion with the budget estimates for 1930–1931.

5. The Government have also approved of an estimate amounting to Rs. 15,000 for the excavation of the Vidavalore channel under No. 2 sluice of Vegore tank in the Sangam delta, Penner river canals system, to provide irrigation facilities under the tank and also to other lands assigned to the depressed classes, about 400 acres on the whole. A provision of Rs. 9,000 has been made for the work in the budget estimates for 1929–1930.

6. The Chief Engineer has recently submitted an estimate amounting to Rs. 21,810 for improvements to the Dagadarthi channel, a branch of the Pyderu escape of the Kanigiri reservoir in the Penner river canals system. The project is designed to irrigate an additional area of 656 acres. It is proposed to consider the scheme in connexion with the budget estimates for 1930–1931.